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1. SOVIET SOLDIERS HAVE REPORTEDLY ATTACKED VILLAGES IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN IN RETALIATION FOR AN 8 AND 9 APRIL MUJAHEDIN ASSAULT ON A SOVIET BORDER GUARD OUTPOST, AND THEY MAY BE PREPARING TO STRIKE RELATED TARGETS IN PAKISTAN.

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2. THE SYSTEMATIC REPRISAL IN KUNDUZ AND TANNAR PROVINCES HAVE REPORTEDLY RANGED FROM "PUNITIVE" TO "UNUSUALLY BRUTAL," CONDUCTED BY REGULAR SOVIET FORCES INSTEAD OF AFGHAN ARMY UNITS, THE REPRISALS REPORTEDLY INCLUDED TACTICS INTENDED TO INFLICT HEAVY DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES ON CIVILIANS.
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4. COMMENT: THE EXTREME BRUTALITY OF THE REPORTED SOVIET REACTION TO THE MUJAHEDIN ATTACK ON THE 8TH DEMONSTRATES MOSCOW'S STRONG DETERMINATION TO PROTECT THE USSR'S BORDERS. "IZVESTIYA'S" PUBLIC WARNING AND THE MILITARY RESPONSE WERE INTENDED TO PUNISH AND WERE ALSO CLEARLY INTENDED TO DISSUADE FUTURE ATTACKS ON THE USSR.
5. SOVIET MILITARY ACTIONS IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN MAY

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PORTEND EVENTUAL DEPOPULATION OF THE AFGHAN SIDE OF THE BORDER REGION. IN THE NEAR TERM, "IZVESTIYA'S" SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION OF "BACHIR" INSIDE AFGHANISTAN AND "GULBUDDIN" IN PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN, PROBABLY MEANS THEY HAVE BEEN EARMARKED FOR RETALIATION.

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